

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Migratory Birds Committee
2004 Update on Great Lakes Activities**

Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies

Plan development, due Oct 2005

Breeding Bird Atlases

Indiana, Michigan, Ontario (2nd editions)

Wisconsin (1st edition, field work complete, to be published)

Illinois (1st edition published in 2004)

Upper Mississippi Valley / Great Lakes Waterbird Plan

Under development-to be published in 2005

Shorebird Management Manual

2nd edition to be published 2005-Manomet Center for Conservation

Upper Mississippi Valley / Great Lakes Shorebird Management Plan

2nd edition-just starting

Bird Conservation Plans

Region 22 Plan (Eastern Tallgrass Prairie)

Covers SE MI, W OH, NW & C IN, N&C IL and west - under final review

Region 12 Plan (Boreal Hardwoods Transition) USA portion only, Partners in Flight Plan,

Covers N MI, N WI, N MN – to be published in 2005

Whooping Crane Reintroduction (4th year)

49 birds!! May breed in 2005. Summered or occurred in Great Lakes Basin in IN, OH, ONT, MI, IL, and WI in 2004.

State All-bird Planning Meetings (Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota)

Marshbird Monitoring Program (USGS and Bird Studies Canada)

On-going monitoring /protocol development

Important Bird Areas Program (PA, NY-published, OH, IL, WI, MN)

On-going surveys: waterfowl, American Woodcock, Mourning Doves, Breeding Bird Survey, Great Lakes Colonial Waterbird Survey (next survey 2007, on-going research and protocol development with Canadian Wildlife Service on detectability)

Double-crested Cormorant Management

MI - Les Cheneaux Islands, USDA Wildlife Services undertook adult control and egg oiling and research ongoing regarding impacts on yellow perch

WI - problems in Green Bay but no controls scheduled

MN - harassment and stomach analysis at small Knife River colony

IAGLR - symposium on “Ecology of Double-crested Cormorants and other waterbirds in Great Lakes” scheduled for Ann Arbor, May 2005

Michigan Police Communication Towers Bird Impact Study (Ecological Services has lead)
Bob Russell, Migratory Birds, Ft. Snelling, MN

Western Lake Erie Basin Stopover Working Group

Defining attributes of stopover sites by all groups of birds in the western Lake Erie basin, mapping sites with these attributes, and protecting these sites.

Kirtland’s Warbler Research and Training Program

Evaluation of habitat use by Kirtland’s Warblers and associated species on Eleuthera, Bahamas.